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Central Willamette Credit Union Celebrates 70 Years of Serving Oregon Communities

Milestone anniversary includes volunteer giveback for Grand Ronde tribal members

ALBANY, Ore., Oct. 6, 2025 — Central Willamette Credit Union (CWCU) is proud to celebrate its 70th anniversary, marking seven decades of unwavering commitment to the communities it serves. Since its founding in October 1955, CWCU has grown from a small group of local government employees into a trusted financial partner for individuals and families across 25 Oregon counties.

From its earliest days, CWCU has been guided by a spirit of service and a dedication to making a positive impact. This year, in honor of its 70th anniversary, CWCU is deepening its tradition of giving back by organizing a special volunteer event for members of the Grand Ronde tribe. On Indigenous Peoples' Day, Monday, Oct. 13, from 10:45 to 11:30 a.m., all 145 CWCU employees will come together at Linn-Benton Community College's Calapooia Center to assemble care packages for the tribe's youth and elder members, demonstrating the credit union's ongoing commitment to supporting local communities.

"Community service is at the heart of everything we do," Chief Marketing Officer Dave Dirks said.

"As we celebrate this milestone, we are reminded that our greatest achievements are measured by the positive difference we make in people's lives."

CWCU's legacy of service began in 1955, when members of Local 1141 established a credit union to serve Linn County's government employees. Over the years, CWCU has expanded its reach and impact, now serving residents in Benton, Clackamas, Clatsop, Columbia, Coos, Crook, Curry, Deschutes, Douglas, Hood River, Jackson, Jefferson, Josephine, Klamath, Lane, Lincoln, Linn, Marion, Multnomah, Polk, Shermer, Tillamook, Wasco, Washington, and Yamhill counties.

Volunteerism remains a cornerstone of CWCU's mission. In 2024 alone, employees contributed more than 2,500 hours to local causes, reflecting the credit union's belief that strong communities are built together through active engagement and compassion.

As CWCU celebrates 70 years of service, it looks forward to continuing its legacy of community investment, partnerships, and caring for generations to come.

About Central Willamette Credit Union

Central Willamette Credit Union is a member-owned, not-for-profit financial cooperative dedicated to serving the needs of its members and strengthening the communities it calls home. With more than \$600+ million in assets and a growing presence across the region, CWCU operates 10 full-service branches from the coast to the Cascades and throughout the Central Willamette Valley.

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